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(SUBJECT.)

South Kanara District. Udupi Ware
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OF THE COMMISSIONER OF EXCISE
23 AUG 1927
PARRY & CO., MADRAS.
MANAGING AGENTS
TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:- "DISTIMULO"

The East India Distilleries & Sugar Factories Ltd
(INCORPORATED IN ENGLAND)
SUGAR & SPIRIT DEPT.

Madras 22nd August 1927.

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BKARI

The Secretary to

The Commissioner of Excise,

Chepauk,

M a d r a s.

Sir,

Udipi Warehouse.

We request you will be so good as to consider the desirability of abolishing the Spirit Warehouse at Udipi.

This warehouse is the smallest of any under our control; the issues in the year 1926 were only 20,735 gallons and for the 6 months ending 30-6-27 11,569 gallons. The average for 18 months is therefore only 1,795 gallons per month and could be satisfactorily supplied from Mangalore.

At present under-bond consignments of spirit are sent by rail to Mangalore and from there are despatched by boat to Malpi whence the casks are carted to Udipi, a distance of 3 miles.

This warehouse at present supplies the depot in Udipi Town and the following up country depots:-

Brahmawar ✓
Hebri ✓
Karkal ✓
Shankarnarain ✓
Coondapur ✓
Baindur
Kollur

P.T.O.

Owing to their distance from Udipi and the difficulty in sending fresh stocks of spirit during the monsoon, the following depots are usually supplied with 4 to 5 months' requirements before the monsoon breaks:-

Kollur
Hebri
Shankarnarain
Coondapur
Baindur.

In the event of Udipi Warehouse being abolished, we would despatch consignments for these depots by boat to Coondapur (via Gangolli) and thence by cart to depots. During the monsoon when transport by boat is in many cases impossible we would keep the necessary stocks either at Coondapur or in the depots themselves as at present.

As regards the other 3 depots (Udipi, Brahmawar and Karkal) these would be supplied by cart from Mangalore; a bridge over the Gurupur River has just been completed and there is now a direct and good road to these 3 depots.

The distances are as follows:-

57 miles to Udipi
65 " Brahmawar
35 " Karkal.

These distances may be considered excessive, but as often as not the coast road via Mulki is open in which case the distances to Udipi and Brahmawar are 37 and 45 miles respectively. These compare with the present lead of 53 miles

to Kollur from Udipi, 41 miles to Gollithattu from Mangalore and 50 to 60 miles to the Wynaad depots from Calicut. If however you consider that the lead to Brahmawar from Mangalore is too long, we can include this depot among those to be supplied via Coondapur, which is only 15 miles away.

Our proposals are therefore as follows:-

(1) In fair weather, stocks for Kollur, Hebri, Shankarnarain, Coondapur and Baindur would be despatched by boat via Gangoli and Coondapur.

Stocks for Udipi would be despatched either by road direct or by boat via Malpi.

Stocks for Karkal would be despatched by road direct.

Stocks for Brahmawar would be despatched by road direct or via Gangoli and Coondapur.

(2) In monsoon weather all depots would be supplied by road direct or by pre-monsoon stocking as at present.

For your information we give below a table showing the time now taken for casks to reach their destinations and the time that would be taken if issues were made from Mangalore.

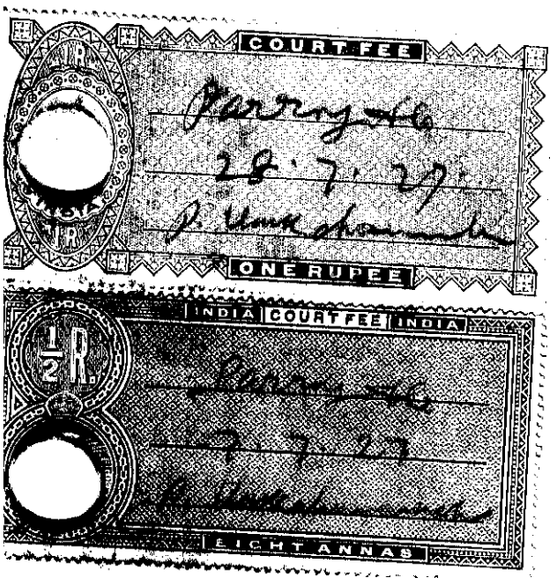
Place	Time taken for despatches from Udipi to reach destination	Time taken for despatches from Mangalore to reach destination.
Udipi ...	...	4 days
Karkal ...	2 days	3 "
Brahmawar ...	2 "	7 "
Hebri ...	4 "	8 "
Shankaranarain ...	4 "	8 "
Coondapur ...	2 "	6 "
Baindur ...	4 "	9 "
Kollur ...	6 "	11 "

In the cases where the time exceeds 6 days, it must be remembered that the journey by boat from Mangalore to Gangoli would take 6 days approximately, but that during this period the casks would not be subjected to the rough handling and possibility of damage that is now the case in transport by road.

If the above details are insufficient to enable you to make a decision we request you will give us an opportunity to discuss it personally with you.

We have the honour to be
Sir,
Your obedient servants,

Managing Agents.



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From Messrs. Parry and co. Letter dated 22-8-27.

Subject.

Arrack - Udipi warehouse - abolition - Messrs. Parry and co. - proposals.

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Referred to the A.C.D. for remarks.

Sd. 26.8.27

Sd 27/8/27

To

The A.C.D.

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EXCISE 6 DEPARTMENT.

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ABKARI

Received ..... *Registered* .....

From (Name) A.E. Ramsbotham Esquire,

(Designation) Assistant Commissioner of Excise for Distilleries.

Post Box ....., (STATION) Chepauk, Madras.

Telegraphic Address -

To The

Secretary to the Commissioner

of Excise, M a d r a s.

D. *No.* 547/27 *dated* 26th September 1927.

Sir,

ENCLOSURES .....

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Subject.

Arrack -Udipi Warehouse -abolition - Messrs,Parry and Company's proposals.

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In returning herewith Messrs. Parry and Company's letter dated 22-8-27 forwarded to me for remarks on the subject quoted above, I would submit that Warehouses are ordered to be established to enable the contract - suppliers to meet their obligations in the areas assigned to them. South Kanara is the only District in the Presidency where the contract suppliers have been called upon to establish ~~the~~ two Warehouses -one at Mangalore and the other at Udipi. The Warehouse, it is learnt, was first established at Malpe a seaport town about 4 miles from Udipi. Owing to some inconvenience experienced by Shopkeepers at Udipi and the adjacent parts one year, the Warehouse was transferred to Udipi during the year 1900-01. In March 1902 it appears Messrs.Parry and Comapny applied to the Board for the retransfer of the Warehouse to Malpe, - evidently on financial grounds; but the Collector was opposed to the transfer on account of the inconvenience caused to a great many shopkeepers and the idea was then abandoned by the Company. The question has once again been raised

presumably

presumably for similar reasons, namely the expense involved in maintaining the Warehouse.

2. The question of the desirability of abolishing the arrack Warehouse at Udipi is one which requires very careful consideration. The Warehouse has existed for nearly three decades and was established to meet the convenience of shop keepers. May I suggest therefore that the views of the District Officers,-the Collector and the territorial Assistant Commissioner -be ascertained in the matter. These officers best know the local conditions of which I have no knowledge and cannot therefore say whether the abolition of the Warehouse would be expedient and whether it would not inconvenience the shop (and depot) keepers who now get their supplies from the Udipi Warehouse. No doubt conditions have since changed for the better during the past 25 years in respect of transport facilities &c., and these must necessarily be considered. But I submit that this Department cannot afford to take risks in the matter of supply to shopkeepers and it is advisable first to have the views of the District Officers before the question can be considered at all. The issues from the Warehouse are now less than they were some ten years back.

3. Another important point to be considered in connection with the question raised is that of cost price. At present liquor is supplied from the Udipi and Mangalore Warehouses and to Depots supplied from them as under:-

Udipi Warehouse	- per gallon of 35 U.P.	-	Rs.1-4-6	of 60 U.P.	0-12-7
ehouse-Depots supplied from—	" " "		1-8-6 ✓	"	1- 0-7
Mangalore Warehouse	" " "		1-5-6		0-13-3
ehouse Depots supplied from—	" " "		1-9-6 ✓	"	1- 1-3

It will thus be seen that the Udipi Warehouse price and that at Depots ~~xx~~ supplied from Udipi Warehouse is less than the prices at Mangalore Warehouse and at Depots supplied from Mangalore Warehouse. If Udipi Warehouse is abolished what rates

supplied by Udipi Warehouse from Mangalore Warehouse? Presumably a higher rate. This might be ascertained. Again shops which get their supply directly from Udipi Warehouse now, will after the closing down of the Warehouse have willy-nilly to get their supply from the Depots. And then whether it would be expedient to allow Depot - Keepers to have large stocks during monsoon periods when the Udipi Warehouse is abolished is also a point to be considered.

In the circumstances stated supra, the question may be considered after obtaining the information referred to supra and if necessary, the file may be sent to me with the office note for any further remarks or dealt with as may be deemed fit.

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Assistant Commissioner for
Distilleries.

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Subject.

Idipi warehouse proposal.

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Reply

A Copy of the letter received from Messrs Narayna is forwarded to the CDAs of West coast Port & Railway Circle

S Kannan early remarks.

And the DA, for remarks for Dd should be reported Whether in the event of the abolition of the Idipi warehouse, there will be any difficulty, especially in the monsoon months, for the supply of liquor to the ships now getting liquor from this warehouse and if so, what arrangements should be made to obviate the difficulty. The No of ships and [illegible]

> also be furnished.

2/ As the reports of the Coller and the [illegible] should be received before we are in a position to settle the Contract arrangements for the next lease, it is requested that this reference may be replied to not later than the first week of the next month.

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The Coller and [illegible] reports
the West Coast
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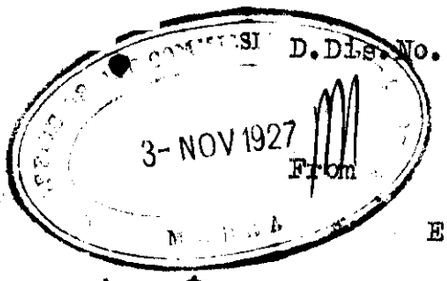

D.Dis.No.8392-27.

South Kanara Collector's office,
Mangalore, 1st November . 1927.

From

E. M. Gawne, Esquire, I.C.S.,
Collector of South Kanara.

The Secretary to the
Commissioner of Excise,
M a d r a s.

Sir,

Abkari - Udipi Warehouse - Abolition - Proposal from Messrs. Parry and Company dated 22nd August 1927.

Reference: Commissioner's C.R.No.7821 Abkari, dated 12th October 1927.

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The Udipi Warehouse at present supplies monthly on an average 200 gallons of liquor to 7 shops in and about Udipi and 1700 gallons to the 8 depots referred to in the letter dated 22nd August 1927 from Messrs. Parry & Co. These depots in their turn supply over 100 shops a month.

2. The proposal of Messrs. Parry & Co., will in the fair season involve the maintenance of two large depots one at Gangolli which is the port of Coondapoor and the other at Udipi. I consider that it is not safe to stock large quantities otherwise than under responsible departmental control. I cannot say that the average depot keeper has a very good name for honesty and persons who have to handle such a large quantity of liquor require to be well paid. Will Messrs. Parry pay their men sufficiently well to keep them out of the temptation of adulteration when it is so easy to remove a little from a cask and escape detection?

3. In the monsoon months, the Company intends supplying the depots (a) by road direct from Mangalore, or (b) by pre-monsoon stocking. Baindur and Kollur Depots are 96 and 114 miles away from Mangalore via Karkal, and the difficulty of supplying these depots will be very great, in view of the fact

that there are three rivers to be crossed from Udipi to Gangolli. The Inspector of Excise, Mangalore Circle reports that during the current year the Company found it very difficult to send their supplies to even some of the depots in Mangalore Circle.

(b) The Inspector of Udipi Circle reports that none of the depot buildings in that Circle is either large or safe enough to stock more than half a dozen casks. The Company's plan of premonsoon stocking does not therefore seem to me to be practical.

4. The storing of large stocks of liquor will cause high wastages, and the Departmental officers will not be able to distinguish between genuine and fraudulent wastages. Moreover in case two large depots are to be established at Udipi and Gangolli they will have to store about 300 and 200 casks respectively. It seems to me to be quite unsafe to place such large quantities of valuable spirit in the hands of underpaid and not always honest depot-keepers. Further there will be no guarantee that this prestocking will be done, since the number of casks to be locked up during the monsoon is a matter that the East Indian ~~British~~ Distillery Company may find difficult to cope with. This aspect of the case also has to be considered.

5. In the above circumstances, I recommend the continuance of the Warehouse at Udipi until more detailed proposals are forthcoming. Messrs. Parry evidently want to save money by abolishing a Warehouse.

Your obedient servant,

For Collector.

C.F. 32

EXCISE DEPARTMENT.

In reply, please quote number, date and short title.

Received ..... Registered .....

From (Name) C. B. Beadnell Esquire,

(Designation) Assistant Commissioner of Excise,

Post Box ....., (Station) West Coast Division, Cannanore.

Telegraphic Address .....

To The Secretary to the Commissioner of Excise,

MADRAS.

D. Dis. No. 1595/27, *dated* 1-11-'27. 192/ .

Sir,

Subject:- Udipi Warehouse - abolition - proposals - report submitted.

Enclosures .....

Reference:- Commissioner's C.R.No.7021 abkari dated 12th October 1927.

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The Udipi Warehouse at present supplies on an average 200 gallons a month to 7 shops in and around Udipi and 1700 gallons a month to 8 depots which in their turn supply over 100 shops. If it is abolished an additional depot will have to be opened at Gangolly as boats do not touch Coondapoor. This must necessarily be a large depot as also the one at Udipi wherein large stocks of liquor will have to be maintained for supply to other depots or shops.

The Inspector Udipi Circle reports that during the monsoons the difficulty of keeping the depots beyond Coondapoor river adequately supplied, will be very great, especially those at Baindur and Kollur which are 96 and 114 miles away respectively from Mangalore via Karkal and it will take a good deal of time to replenish the stock in cases of emergency, not to speak of the heavy transit wastages that may be caused by transporting liquor in country carts.

The Inspector further reports that none of the present depot buildings are either large or safe enough to store more than half a dozen casks. Besides, the storing of large stocks of liquor will cause high wastages and the departmental officers will not always be in a position to distinguish genuine wastages from fraud. The proposed depot at Gangolly and the one at Udipi will have to stock about 200 to 300 casks to meet the demands of other depots and shops and

valuable spirit in the hands of underpaid and not always honest depot keepers without adequate government supervision.

I believe the aim of Messrs. Parry & Co., in putting up this proposal is solely as a retrenchment measure. If so I am sure they are not going to be the gainers in the long run as they will have to account for the heavy wastages in depots especially during the monsoons and in transit which must necessarily be more frequent than heretofore. The Udipi Warehouse might be the smallest of the Warehouses, but the absence of train communication beyond Mangalore, the paucity of good roads in the area supplied by the Warehouse and the physical features of the place especially during the monsoons, make it as important as any other, if not more. I therefore consider it inexpedient to abolish this Warehouse.

for Assistant Commissioner.

T N/2-11-1927.

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OFFICE NOTE.

SUBJECT S. Kanara Dt. – Udipi warehouse – abolition – Messrs. Parry and co's proposals.

From

Messrs. Parry and Co.

C Register No. 7821 alk/27.

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pp 1 4 c/f

Please see the letter from Messrs Parry and co. forwarding proposals for the abolition of their warehouse at Udipi. The company state that Udipi warehouse is the smallest one under their control and they propose to supply liquor from Mangalore warehouse to the seven depots now supplied by the Udipi warehouse.

p 1 c/f

pp 2-3 c/f

Please see p3 c/f

The time of transit required for the liquor to reach the several depots from Mangalore warehouse is in all cases greater than that required, if the source of supply is Udipi warehouse. Moreover, Messrs. Parry and Co, in their letter dated 7-10-27 expressing their willingness to renew the arrack contract supply for 1928-29, request that the rates of cost price now granted to depots supplied from the Mangalore

will be put up if required

bar warehouse is may be granted to the seven
ones supplied by the Udipi ~~and~~ warehouse
The event of their proposals for the abolition
the bottler warehouse being approved. In
they require a higher rate for these
depots. Please see in this connection the
given by the A.C.'s for the several depots
7 cf. The company also requests that if the
s given by them are insufficient, they p 4 cf
be allowed to discuss the matter personally
the Commr.

Please see the A.C.'s report in the
le on pages 6-8 cf and the reports of the Coll.
, Kanara and A.C. West coast Dn. on pages 11-12 cf
13-14 cf respectively. The A.C.'s does not consider p 8 cf
allow depotkeepers
expedient to ~~keep~~ have large stocks of liquor ~~in~~
ig monsoon periods, which will be the case, if
pi w.h. is to be abolished. The Coll. and the A.C.
~~do not~~ recommend the continuance of the Udipi pp 12 and 14 cf
warehouse on the following grounds:-

) Inadvisability of stocking large quantities of liquor in depots
otherwise than under responsible departmental control, pp 11 & 13 cf
considering the temptation of the depotkeepers to
practise adulteration of liquor on account of their
low wages.

) The difficulty in supplying liquor to Bainder and
Kollur depots by road direct from Mangalore
proposed

proposal by Messrs. Parry and [redacted]

The monsoon months

pp 12-13 Cf

3) The unsafe nature condition of the [redacted]

4) The high wastages that would be caused

p 12 Cf

from the storing of large quantities of liquor in depots and the difficulty, on the part of [redacted] to distinguish between genuine and [redacted] wastages. It is for consideration, whether in view of the recommendations of the Coll and the A.C., the warehouse at Udipi may be continued. and files For orders.

It is submitted in this connection that

SN 22.11.27 the proposal of the company to transfer the warehouse from Udipi to Halpe in 1902 was rejected in 1902. the causes for the rejection of the company's proposals are not evident, as the papers relating to the matter are not traceable [redacted] having been destroyed

On his report in ACD has stated that

SN 22.11.27 the file may if necessary be sent once again after the Coll's + A.C's reports have been received. For orders

GD 22/11/27 The file may be taken by the C. into Camp after a personal discussion with the Coll[r] Kanara + the A.C West Coast may be sent to the A.C.D. On return for further remarks

Reply that I am convinced by the arguments [illegible] and A.C. that if the Udaipur Depot is established a satisfactory supply cannot be guaranteed. While I am always glad to see a representation of the "Co-op." I do not think that anything would be gained by the interview as I consider that the retention of the Ud. Depot is essential.

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25.11.27.

AF
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Sir,

Draft submitted below for approval.

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South Kanara District – Udipi warehouse – abolition – Messrs. Parry and Co's proposal – orders passed.

To

Read letter dated 22.8.27 from ..... THE Parry and Co, letter D547/27 dt 26.9.27 from ACD, D Dis No 8394/27 dt 1-11-27 from the Collr of S. Kanara, D Dis 1595/27 dt 1-11-27 from A.C. Westcoast Dn..

Pp 1-4 C
Pp 5-8 C
Pp 11-12 C
Pp 13-14 C

Procgs.

In their letter read above, Messrs. Parry and Co propose the abolition of their arrack warehouse at Udipi and propose to supply liquor from the Mangalore depots now getting their supplies from the Udipi warehouse ~~at present from the Mangalore warehouse~~.

P 1 C

M 2-3 C

2/ The collr. of S. Kanara and A.C. Westcoast Dn consider that the proposal of the company will involve the maintenance of two large depots at Gangolli and Udipi and consider it inadvisable to stock large quantities of liquor in depots otherwise than under departmental control. They are also

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opinion That high wastages would ~~be caused~~ result from The storing of large ff 12 and 14 of

uities of liquor in depots and That Dept. officers in would find it difficult ~~on The part of~~ ~~subordinate officers~~ to distinguish between

wine and fraudulent wastages. They cipate much difficulty ~~in~~ in The 11 12 and 13 of

some months in supplying liquor by road Bantwar and Kollur depots direct

~~from~~ Mangalore as proposed by The

pany. and consider That none of The ff 12 and 13 of

ut depot buildings are ~~of~~ large

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re than ~~a~~ half a dozen casks of

liquor. They therefore recommend The ff 12 and 14 of

retention of The Udipi wh. In The 3.

circumstances reported, The commr p 4 n 6

agrees with The local officers and considers

That if The Udipi wh. is abolished

a satisfactory supply of liquor

cannot be guaranteed. ~~Warehouse~~

3 ff. 4/ While The commr is always glad p 4 n 1

to see a ~~p~~ representative of The company, ~~to~~

he does not think That anything To Messrs. Parry and

could be gained by The interview, as he Madras.

considers That The retention of The Copy to Collr of S. Kanara

Udipi w. h. is essential. A.C. Westcoast/Dr

A.C.D.

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SUGAR & SPIRIT DEPT.

The East India Distilleries & Sugar Factories Ltd
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PARRY & CO., MADRAS,
MANAGING AGENTS.
TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:-
"DISTIMULO"

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Madras 14th December 1927.

The Secretary
to the Commissioner of Excise,
Chepauk,
M a d r a s.

Sir,

Abolition of Udipi Warehouse.

We have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your Proceedings R.No.2548-Abk. dated 30th November and note that you are not in favour of abolishing the Warehouse at Udipi. We accept your decision and do not propose to press our suggestion.

We have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servants,

Managing Agents.